

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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-- ~~The present invention provides a~~ video signal processing apparatus ~~and so on~~
~~that are~~ capable of flexibly handling metadata having various notation formats. ~~A video signal~~
~~processing apparatus for processing video signals is provided.~~ The video signal processing
apparatus has metadata notation format identification block 432 for identifying a metadata
notation format written in a predetermined language; a conversion table selection block 434 for
selecting a conversion table corresponding to the identified metadata notation format from
among one or more conversion tables prepared in advance; a metadata notation format
conversion block 436 for converting the metadata notation format into a notation format
compatible with the video signal processing apparatus on the basis of the selected conversion
table; and a metadata application processing block 480 for controlling the processing associated
with video signals on the basis of the metadata whose notation format has been converted. This
~~novel configuration allows the video signal processing apparatus to flexibly handle the metadata~~
~~having a given notation format.~~--